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WELCOME!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Vietnamese)

TUESDAY - FRIDAY

6:00 pm (Vietnamese)

SUNDAY

8:30 am Mass (English)

10:30 am Mass (Vietnamese)

Livestream (Facebook and Youtube)

12:30 pm (Vietnamese for Youth)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the Month - 5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm
Sunday 8:00 am - 8:20 am
Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm - 5:50 pm

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP (JULY 29TH - JULY 30TH)

Donation	\$12,021.00
Donation Online	\$2,250.00
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00
Debt Reduction	\$0
Total Donation	\$14,276.00

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 GOAL \$36,577
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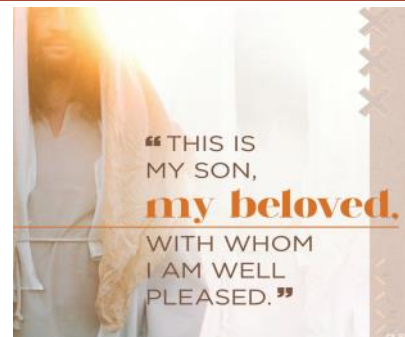


THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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A Glimpse of Glory

Today we celebrate Our Lord's transfiguration, the moment where he gave his closest disciples a glimpse of his divinity and glory to help them for the ordeals of his Passion that were about to come.

Today's First Reading recalls the prophet Daniel's vision of one "like a Son of man" receiving a lasting dominion and glory from the "Ancient One," long before the Incarnation.

- This prophecy concerned the Messiah appearing before God the Father in glory.
- Note the nuances of the language. He is "like" a Son of man. In prophetic language "Son of man" refers to human beings, yet this Messiah is "like" a human being.
- Christ is truly God and truly man: he is "like a Son of man."
- The night his Passion begins, standing before the Sanhedrin, he quotes the passage of Scripture to identify himself as the Messiah, and the Sanhedrin condemns him for blasphemy, even though he has spoken the truth: "the high priest said to him, 'I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Messiah, the Son of God.' Jesus said to him in reply, 'You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his robes and said, 'He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?' They said in reply, 'He deserves to die!'" (Matthew 26:63–66)."

In today's Second Reading Peter recalls the experience he had on the mountaintop to remind the believers that the wonders of the Lord's earthly life we not just myths, but events.

- The first listeners of Peter were familiar with the pagan gods that surrounded them and the myths that tried to fuel their existence in the minds of the pagan believers.
- Our Lord was not a myth: he was born in Bethlehem, lived in Galilee, preached the Kingdom through Palestine, and died on Calvary.
- He was also Transfigured on a mountaintop and raised from the dead. There were eyewitnesses to both the Lord Transfigured and the Lord Risen.
- All believers are not just repeating myths, but handing on testimony, as the Apostles did.

In today's Gospel, the Lord reveals his divinity and glory to his closest disciples: Peter, James, and John. It's an event recalled in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

- In Matthew's account, the Lord's clothing becomes as white as light. John in the prologue to his Gospel described the Lord as the true light that enlightens every man. Christ is not only illuminated but illuminating.
- The Lord is flanked by Moses and by Elijah to show that he is the culmination of the Law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah). They converse with Jesus and show their deference to him.
- It's interesting that Peter says something to Jesus in "reply": Jesus doesn't seem to have said anything, but the scene speaks to Peter, and he struggles to formulate an adequate response in the face of so much glory. Maybe a shrine?
- This gradually paints the portrait that Our Lord is not only worthy of glory but divine. He clothes don't just radiate light, but his face as well. The Messiah is not just an incredible man; he is God.
- If there was not already enough evidence of his divinity the voice of the Father booms from Heaven and declares Jesus to be his beloved and pleasing Son, worthy of their attention.
- That's too much for the apostles, who fall prostrate in fear.
- Almost as soon as it happens it is over: Jesus gets them up, tells them not to be afraid, but also makes sure they will recount the vision to the others after he is risen from the dead.
- Even the Transfiguration is an event meant for everyone, not just a trusted few.

The Transfigured Lord Makes Life Click

- Our Lord on that mountaintop was flanked by Moses, Elijah, Peter, John, and James. He was praised by God the Father.
- Our Lord was at the center on that mountaintop because he is the center of everything. Salvation history prepared for him and salvation history was never the same after his Incarnation.
- The Law prepared for his coming, the prophets testified to him and what he would do.
- The Apostles gave witness to who he was, what he did, and what he said, with the testimony we've received from the evangelists regarding this event as a case in point.
- However, before all this, the Father created the world with his Son in mind.
- If the Lord is at the center of your life, everything will fall into place and click, not necessarily according to your plans, but according to God's plans, which are the best plans for you.
- Peter needed lots of time to process this, and he betrayed Our Lord and reconciled with him between the event on the mountaintop and his testimony in today's Second Reading.
- Start processing and don't get discouraged by setbacks. No matter how often the Lord is "off-center" in your life, you can always put him back at the center.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir